

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. FUNDING. TELEPHONE SURCHARGE.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.**

PROP

67

ARGUMENT Against Proposition 67

Prop. 67 is really a phone tax—a \$540 MILLION TAX INCREASE that will likely *increase in the future*.

If Prop. 67 passes, we will get HIGHER TAXES, but that's only part of the story:

- 1) It's a 400% TAX INCREASE that consumers would have to pay every year.
- 2) NO CAP ON CELL PHONE TAXES—the more you talk, the more taxes you'll pay.
- 3) NO CAP ON SMALL BUSINESS PHONE TAXES.
- 4) More than 1 million seniors, many of whom live on fixed incomes, *will be affected by the phone tax*.

LESS THAN 1% OF THE MONEY FROM PROP. 67 WILL GO TO THE 911 SYSTEM. This initiative is a scam. *The California 911 emergency dispatchers who run the 911 system DON'T support Prop. 67.*

THERE ARE NO ADEQUATE FINANCIAL CONTROLS OR AUDITS. Even though this is a massive half-billion dollar tax increase, it contains no mandatory financial audits to make sure the money is spent properly. In addition to the potential for *waste and fraud*, Prop. 67 will require millions of dollars per year in ongoing administrative costs that the state cannot afford.

THIS INITIATIVE IS MISLEADING.

90% of the money goes directly to special interest groups.

READ THE FINE PRINT, HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL FIND OUT:

- 1) This is really a \$540 million phone tax increase;
- 2) No cap on cell phones;
- 3) No cap on small businesses;
- 4) More than 1 million seniors will be forced to pay higher taxes;
- 5) No mandatory financial audits;

6) California's sheriffs and 911 emergency dispatchers oppose the measure because it is misleading and doesn't do what it says it does.

Listen to what respected voices across California think about the phone tax:

- *California's 911 emergency dispatchers (CALNENA)* oppose Prop. 67.
- *The California Taxpayers' Association and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association* oppose Prop. 67 because it's a 400% (\$540 million per year) phone tax increase.
- *The California Chamber of Commerce* says it will hurt our economy and drive businesses from our state.
- *The Congress of California Seniors* opposes it because it will force seniors living on fixed incomes to pay higher taxes.
- *The California State Sheriffs' Association* says Prop. 67 doesn't do what it promises to do.

CALIFORNIA ALREADY HAS SOME OF THE HIGHEST TAXES IN THE COUNTRY. Just when our economy is starting to bounce back, this huge, half-billion dollar tax increase could *harm businesses, hurt seniors, and gouge consumers—damaging our economy*. WITH NO CAP ON CELL PHONES OR BUSINESSES, THE MORE YOU TALK, THE MORE TAXES YOU HAVE TO PAY.

VOTE NO ON THE PHONE TAX.

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California Taxpayers' Association

REBUTTAL to Argument Against Proposition 67

Before voting on Prop. 67, ask yourself:

Who do you trust to protect quality emergency health care for you and your family? Firefighters, paramedics, doctors, and nurses OR *phone companies*?

Out-of-state phone companies and cell phone companies are bankrolling the campaign to defeat Prop. 67 and deny essential funding for emergency services.

According to the Secretary of State, the top 5 contributors to the campaign against Prop. 67 are:

1. SBC (Texas)
2. Verizon (New York)
3. T-Mobile (Washington)
4. AT&T Wireless (Washington)
5. Sprint (Kansas)

The opponents of Prop. 67 use misleading statistics and scare tactics. Prop. 67 is a modest and sensible initiative that firefighters, paramedics, doctors, and nurses agree will *save lives*.

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

FACT: Prop. 67 caps the surcharge a phone company can add to residential telephone bills at 50¢ per month—a *maximum* of \$6 per year.

FACT: The cost to cell phone users is minimal—if you pay \$30 a month, Prop. 67 will cost you 90¢.

FACT: Prop. 67 completely exempts senior citizens on basic lifeline phone service—they will not pay a dime.

FACT: Prop. 67 provides for audits to ensure funds are properly spent and prohibits the Legislature and phone companies from raiding these funds.

Voters have a clear choice: watch our emergency medical care system unravel OR vote YES ON PROP. 67 to ensure victims of heart attacks, strokes, car accidents, and other emergencies receive life-saving emergency care.

SAVE EMERGENCY CARE. SAVE LIVES. YES ON PROP. 67.

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